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1. WE HAVE NO LIGHT TO SHED ON OTTAWAY'S POSSIBLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION. HOWEVER, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT ANY KNOWLEDGEABLE ZAIRIAN OFFICIAL WOULD HAVE TOLD HIM PORTUGAL IS ENCOURAGING FLEC. NOT ONLY ARE SUCH OFFICIALS EXTREMELY CLOSE MOUTHED WHERE MATTERS CONCERNING MOBUTU'S FOREIGN POLICY ARE CONCERNED, BUT SUCH ALLEGATIONS WOULD NOT SERVE IMAGE OF ZAIRE WHICH IS NOT HIDING ITS OWN SOLICITUDE FOR KINSHASA-BASED FLEC.

2. WE SUSPECT THAT IF OTTAWAY TOOK THE TROUBLE TO INTERVIEW PUBLICITY HUNGRY FLEC OFFICIALS IN KINSHASA HE WOULD HAVE QUICKLY LEARNED WHAT WE DID, (REF C) I.E., THAT THEY HAVE PASSES PERMITTING THEM TO TRAVEL FREELY INTO AND OUT OF CABINDA. HE COULD JUDGE FROM THIS THAT PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES THERE NOT HOSTILE TO FLEC AND DRAW HASTY CONCLUSIONS ABOUT PORTUGAL'S POLICY ON CABINDA.

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